

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-21 (Canceled).

22. (Previously Presented) A child's drinking cup, comprising:

a body, said body defining a space for holding a liquid and being fabricated at least in part from a first material; and

a gripping area connected to said body, and wherein said gripping area is fabricated at least in part from a second material that is integrally molded to said first material; and

wherein said first material is harder than said second material.

23. (Previously Presented) The drinking cup of claim 22, wherein said first material is selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic material is selected from the group consisting of polystyrene (PS), polystyrene-acrylonitrile (PSAN), acrylonitrile-butadiene styrene (ABS), styrenemaleicanhydride (SMA), polycarbonate (PC), polyethylene (PE), polyethylene terephthalate, polypropylene (PP), polyvinylcyclohexane, and copolymers and blends thereof.

24. (Previously Presented) The drinking cup of claim 23, wherein said second material is selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic elastomers, thermoset elastomers, and copolymers and mixtures thereof.

25. (Previously Presented) The drinking cup of claim 22, wherein said first material and said second material are fusion bonded together.

26. (Previously Presented) The drinking cup of claim 25, wherein said fusion bond is a TPE/polypropylene bond.

27. (Previously Presented) The drinking cup of claim 22, wherein said second material forms a perimeter around a portion of said first material.

28. (Previously Presented) A child's drinking cup, comprising:

a body, said body defining a space for holding a liquid and being fabricated at least in part from a first material;

a lid mounted to said body; and

a gripping area made of a second material that is integrally molded to said first material, wherein said first material has a higher durometer value than said durometer value of said second material.

29. (Previously Presented) The child's drinking cup of claim 28, wherein said first material is selected from the group consisting of polystyrene (PS), polystyrene-acrylonitrile (PSAN), acrylonitrile-butadiene styrene (ABS), styrenemaleicanhydride (SMA), polycarbonate (PC), polyethylene (PE), polyethylene terephthalate, polypropylene (PP), polyvinylcyclohexane, and copolymers and blends thereof.

30. (Previously Presented) The child's drinking cup of claim 29, wherein said second material is selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic elastomers, thermoset elastomers, and copolymers and mixtures thereof.

31. (Previously Presented) The child's drinking cup of claim 28, wherein said first material and said second material are fusion bonded together.

32. (Previously Presented) The child's drinking cup of claim 31, wherein said fusion bond is a TPE/polypropylene bond.

33. (Previously Presented) The child's drinking cup of claim 28, wherein said second material forms a perimeter of a portion of said first material.

34. (Previously Presented) The child's drinking cup of claim 28, wherein said second material substantially surrounds a portion of said first material.

35. (Previously Presented) The child's drinking cup of claim 28, further comprising a valve member.

36. (Previously Presented) A feeding device for a child, comprising:

a body;

a lid mounted to said body;

a valve member;

a gripping area made of a first material and a second material, wherein said first material has a harder durometer value than said durometer value of said second material;

wherein said first material is selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic material is selected from the group consisting of polystyrene (PS), polystyrene-acrylonitrile (PSAN), acrylonitrile-butadiene styrene (ABS), styrenemaleicanhydride (SMA), polycarbonate (PC), polyethylene (PE), polyethylene terephthalate, polypropylene (PP), polyvinylcyclohexane, and copolymers and blends thereof;

wherein said second material is selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic elastomers, thermoset elastomers, and copolymers and mixtures thereof; and said second material substantially surrounds a portion of said first material.

37. (New) A drinking cup, comprising:

a body having a closed bottom and an open top, said body having at least one sidewall having an outer surface; and

an elastomeric overmolding at least partially covering said body, wherein said elastomeric overmolding comprises a first gripping portion that covers at least a portion of

said outer surface of said sidewall and an second bottom portion that covers at least a portion of said bottom..

38. (New) A drinking cup according to Claim 37, wherein said second bottom portion of said overmolding completely covers said bottom of said body.

39. (New) A drinking cup according to Claim 37, wherein said first gripping portion of said overmolding includes a plurality of ribs spaced apart on said sidewall of said body, thereby forming a plurality of gripping surfaces.

40. (New) A drinking cup according to Claim 39, wherein said ribs extend circumferentially about said sidewall of said body.

41. (New) A drinking cup according to Claim 37, wherein said sidewall of said body includes a plurality of depressions, each depression extending longitudinally along said body and being sized and shaped so as to form a handgrip.

42. (New) A drinking cup according to Claim 41, wherein said overmolding substantially covers each of said depressions in said sidewall of said body.

43. (New) A drinking cup according to Claim 37, wherein said body is fabricated from a material comprising a thermoplastic material selected from the group consisting of polystyrene (PS), polystyrene-acrylonitrile (PSAN), acrylonitrile-butadiene styrene (ABS), styrenemaleicanhydride (SMA), polycarbonate (PC), polyethylene (PE), polyethylene terephthalate, polypropylene (PP), polyvinylcyclohexane, and copolymers and blends thereof.

44. (New) A drinking cup according to Claim 37, wherein said elastomeric overmolding is fabricated from a material is selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic elastomers, thermoset elastomers, and copolymers and mixtures thereof.

45. (New) A drinking cup according to Claim 37, wherein said elastomeric overmolding has a durometer value of about 50AA to about 80A.

46. (New) A drinking cup according to Claim 37, wherein a bi-component molding process is used to apply said overmolding to said body.

47. (New) A drinking cup according to Claim 37, wherein a fusion bond exists between said body and said overmolding.

48. (New) A drinking cup according to Claim 46, wherein said fusion bond has a bond strength that is equal to or greater than the tensile strength of said material of said overmolding.

49. (New) The drinking cup of claim 47, wherein said fusion bond is a TPE/polypropylene bond.